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# Auditing workshop heads nursing audit month

A workshop in the nursing audit process was the kickoff for "audit month," a month in which nurses at the Deaconess were introduced to "audit" and the roles they play in it. Mary Conceisan, R.N., director of professional relations for the Massachusetts Hospital Association, was the guest speaker in the day-long workshop, held April 30, to explain the auditing process and its effect on patient care.

"What the audit will do is improve patient care and provide better documentation of that care," explained Mrs. Conceisan. The audit will also encourage coordination of physician/nurse planning for patient care and improve communication with other hospital departments or services.

In addition to pointing out where additional facilities, equipment, or personnel are needed, the audit can also demonstrate deficiencies in hospital policies. As Mrs. Conceisan said, "Sometimes a problem may not be that of the nurse, but of the policy. The audit will bring this to light in a rational, non-emotional manner."

Constructive change can be implemented through the auditing process by bringing potential problems on the unit, such as staffing, interdepartmental cooperation, and policies, to the attention of the auditing committee.

The audit, required by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, enables the medical and nursing staffs to define in criteria their agreed upon standards of patient care, thereby producing a uniform system of review. The audit committee evaluates patterns of patient care based on clinically sound criteria. Only those patient records which vary from the established standards are isolated and the appropriate action decided upon to correct the deficiency or variation in documentation. Education may be recommended to improve skill or knowledge. When there are non-performance problems, other solutions are sought. If the variation is clinically justified, no action is taken.

During the afternoon session of the workshop, Mrs. Conceisan carefully explained how the audit progresses from the criteria established by the respective committees to the medical records department and back to each auditing committee. If there is a deficiency in care, the responsible person in medical records, known as the retriever, will identify it through the patient record. The retriever makes no judgment, but simply records what is shown on the record. Action is taken through the auditing committee if there is a deficiency in performance, knowledge, or judgment.

*Birdie Hanson, R.N., (l.) coordinator of nursing practice and chairperson of the nursing audit committee, greets Mary Conceisan, R.N., director of professional relations for the Massachusetts Hospital Association and guest speaker in an audit workshop.*

"For discharge, certain criteria for a particular illness must be met," Mrs. Conceisan began. "For example, in most conditions there should be no fever and no intramuscular or sub-

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## A freeze on hospital charges

It is June of 1975. This is the New England Deaconess Hospital. We are a major cancer treatment center; we probably admit more diabetics than any hospital in the United States; we do the second largest number of kidney transplants in Boston. We admit 14,000 patients a year and offer them modern and specialized services unheard of ten or twenty years ago. We are a well-established, secure institution.

Or are we?

If Governor Dukakis succeeds in imposing a freeze on hospital charges, we will be in *serious* trouble.

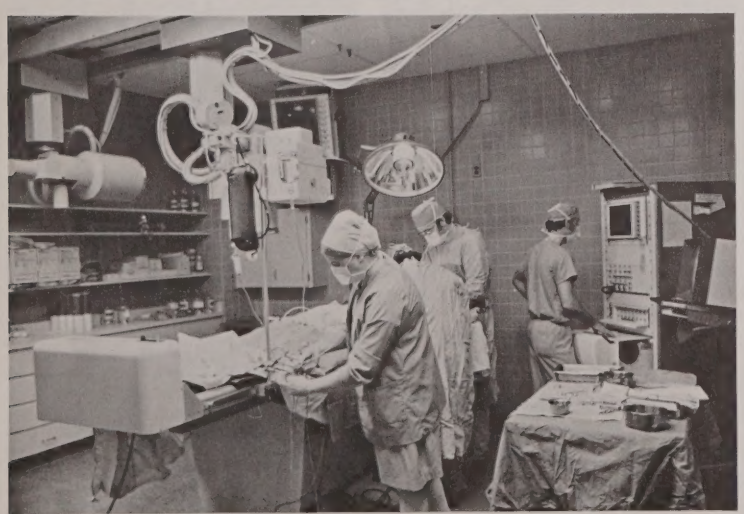
We all agree that the State's economy is in poor shape and that health care costs are high. We admire the Governor for his courageous and exemplary steps to eliminate waste and unnecessary expenditure, and we should all do what we can to assist his efforts where they are warranted.

But, we feel that he has not given adequate thought to his plan to freeze all hospital charges. It is a discriminatory action against hospitals that will have drastic consequences for patients and employees alike.

Not only can it mean no pay raises for hospital employees, it can also mean that the hospital will be forced to reduce the number of personnel by not replacing people who retire or resign, which would result in a reduction in the quality and amount of patient care. Costs of telephone, fuel, linens, food, x-ray films . . . all hospital supplies . . . will continue to go up. No one has suggested a freeze on the charges made to us by our suppliers. It naturally follows that if costs go up and charges remain the same, the only way for hospitals to cut expenses is to eliminate services. Elimination or reduction of services means fewer jobs and poorer quality of patient care.

We don't want that for the Deaconess . . . or for any hospital. It is not good for Boston and it is not good for Massachusetts. Cuts in our admissions and our purchasing power will have adverse effects on many other industries. Robbing Peter, in this instance, will also rob Paul.

We can help ourselves and our patients by contacting our state legislators . . . personally, if at all possible . . . and make known our objections to the hospital 'freeze'. A letter has been sent from Administration to every employee, member of the medical staff, trustees, corporation, and Friends of the Deaconess suggesting specific points to express to our legislative representatives. It is vitally important that we do everything in our power to prevent this legislation from passing.



**NEW CARDIOLOGY LABORATORY OPENS ON FARR 5.** *Last month the new cardiology laboratory opened adjacent to the existing laboratory on Farr 5. With all the latest x-ray equipment, a two image intensification system, and a spot filming device, the laboratory has made the jobs of the cardiology team much easier and more efficient. To aid in diagnosis there is a new television system, instant videoplay, and a computer system. Cardiac catheterization, coronary angiography, cineangiography, pulmonary or vascular angiograms, and pacemaker insertions are some of the procedures that are performed in the cardiology laboratory.*

# Long-Range Planning Committee meets

Unanimous concern for retaining personalized patient care was the overall outcome of the March and April meetings of the Long-Range Planning Committee which focused on the present and future relationships of the Deaconess with Harvard Medical School. Widely varying opinions were expressed on what the closeness of the affiliation should be, but all agreed that Deaconess must maintain the flexibility to continue delivering the type of patient care for which it has gained its reputation.

At the March meeting, four doctors presented their thoughts on the subject, and in April two more opinions were heard, followed by a lively discussion with substantial input from the committee membership.

Dr. Bradley E. Copeland, the first speaker in March, veered slightly from the relationship with Harvard to present his concept of a new approach to medical education in which students learn at their own rate under the direction of physicians on the hospital staff. A similar program is in progress at the University of Illinois School of Medicine, Urbana-Champaign campus. It is a provocative idea, which Dr. Cope-

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# Profile: Cornelius H. Keating

Does your office need painting, renovating? Is your pocket page or heart monitor on the blink? Maintenance and engineering is the place to call, and the man who sees that these jobs are done is Cornelius H. Keating, manager of the department.

Mr. Keating is in charge of the operation of the plant and the maintenance of the buildings and its utilities, although he is quick to add that he depends very heavily on his assistants. "Maintenance is not a one-man department"—an obvious understatement, as the department handles on the average of 300 routine jobs a week, ranging from renovating offices to repairing malfunctioning operating room equipment.

Whether it's repair, renovation, or expansion, Mr. Keating has worked in building and plant operations since his days as a student at Wentworth Institute.

"Prior to World War II, I was going to Wentworth and studying steam and diesel engineering," Mr. Keating said. "Then I went into the Navy and found out the last thing I wanted to do was end up in the hole of a ship!" This experience changed the course of his career. When he returned to Wentworth, he studied civil engineering and architectural construction, graduating in 1949.

After graduation Mr. Keating joined the Sawyer Construction Company, starting as an estimator, then becoming field engineer. When he left the company 17 years later, he had become its superintendent.

At Sawyer he was involved in a variety of projects—building a school in Charlestown, a factory in Concord, the library at Northeastern University, and the food and biology building at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Keating was introduced to the Deaconess while serving as superintendent of construction at the Sawyer Construction Company. As a representative of the outside contractor he directed the construction of the addition to the Palmer building 6th floor, the former parking lot behind the maintenance building, and the incinerator and chimney, which used to be behind the laundry.

"While we were doing some renovation work at Harris Hall, Mr. Donald Sabine, who was then director of maintenance and engineering, asked me to join the hospital," said Mr. Keating. "It was late fall and I was scheduled to build a seven-story dormitory at Plymouth College. It had already started to snow and I thought the Deaconess would be a nice warm place to work. But I wondered if I could take the slow pace of a hospital. I was surprised—we've been very busy ever since."

Since Mr. Keating became the assistant to Mr. Sabine in 1965, he has been involved in many projects. The renovation of the entire Deaconess building, demolition of 19 Autumn Street, and building the hemodialysis unit are some of the projects he has supervised. The department has also renovated most patient floors in Palmer and is currently air conditioning the Palmer and Baker buildings.

Mr. Keating became the manager of maintenance and engineering in 1970. He is a member of the American Society of Hospital Engineers, and a member and past president of the Greater Boston Hospital Engineers Club. Mr. Keating has his Boston ABC license which enables him to direct any type of building construction within the city of Boston.

In his spare time Mr. Keating has built a few homes, including his own in Methuen, where he lives with his wife Vera and their daughter Karen, an executive secretary. Their son Neil, Jr., who is married, is an electrician.

"I was born and brought up on a small farm in North Andover and I'm still a farmer at heart," said Mr. Keating, the youngest in a big family. His family raised dairy cattle and horses and grew their own vegetables.

*Cornelius H. Keating*

He still grows vegetables, but has expanded his garden to include flowers.

"I'm a nut on dahlias. I bought a few bulbs years ago and I must have a green thumb because they thrived." Mr. Keating has had 600 to 700 dahlias blooming at once and is in the process of building a greenhouse.

Mr. Keating's green thumb extends from his garden to the hospital, as he makes things thrive here as well.

# Where is the fire alarm box on your floor?

You're typing in your office, or giving out medication to patients, or assembling a food tray in dietary. You smell smoke and investigate. It's a fire!

Do you know what to do in case a fire starts in your work area? Do you know where the fire alarm box is? Could you find it in the dark? Your answer should be "yes" to all these questions.

A fire can start in the hospital and it can kill. A dramatic and true slide presentation of such a tragedy was narrated by William Jordan of the National Fire Protection Association on April 14 in the Joslin Auditorium.

Although hospitals have different kinds of fire safety problems than are found in your home, Mr. Jordan pointed out that the cause of a hospital fire is often as simple as the misuse of oxygen. A locked emergency door can cause needless deaths. Forty percent of all hospital fires are caused by careless smokers.

Fires occur at all hours of the day and night. The Deaconess holds fire drills for all shifts and on each floor so that employees know how to perform in the event of a real fire.

If you suspect a fire, pull the nearest fire alarm box immediately. They are located on every patient floor and throughout the hospital. The fire department can be here in minutes, and these first few minutes are often crucial ones that can save lives.

After pulling the alarm, dial extension 2555 on the nearest hospital telephone and quietly notify the operator, giving the exact location of the fire and its condition. The operator will announce, "Attention, drill (location)."

If you are in the area of the fire, assist in the removal of any patients in immediate danger from fire or smoke. Close all fire doors and all doors to patients' rooms. This will prevent the spread of toxic smoke from the scene of the fire.

Attempt to extinguish the fire, using the proper extinguisher, until relieved by the fire brigade or other professional help.

If the fire or drill is not in your area, report to your normal place of work or fire duty station and follow your departmental fire instructions. Every department has specific instructions for its personnel in dealing with fire.

As Deaconess employees we should become familiar with our responsibilities in a fire or drill so that our reactions can be calm, knowledgeable, and automatic.

Fires do happen in hospitals. We all should be prepared.

**GALLON CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS.** *The Gallon Club of the NEDH Community Blood Donor Program welcomed (l. - r.) Patricia Rosetti, Jill Kleeman, Katherine Feeley, William Branson, Nelson Fox, and James Benoit as new members in a ceremony held in the Blood Bank on April 17. Elizabeth K. Dickey and William Martin also attained membership but were not available for the photograph. The qualification for membership in the Gallon Club is the donation of eight pints of blood. Far from being exclusive, the Gallon Club is always seeking new members. Anyone in good health—employee, family, friend—between the ages of 18 and 66 can donate by going to the blood bank on Deaconess 3 anytime during the day. Evening appointments can be made by dialing extension 2587. By donating blood, not only do you help someone who is badly in need of blood, but you may be helping yourself one day. Two donations within a year provide full blood coverage during that year for you and your family anywhere in the United States. Stop by the blood bank and begin your "application" to the Gallon Club.*

## Boston Pops entertain during Deaconess Night

The Boston Pops always has something for everyone. "Deaconess Night" on May 7 was no exception. For opera lovers there was a taste of "Barber of Seville" and "La Traviata." Fans of the Broadway show were treated to selections from "Kiss Me Kate" and Fiddler on the Roof." And the final number, "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" had erstwhile jitterbuggers almost dancing in the aisles.

Conducted by Arthur Fiedler, the orchestra made very merry music as it entertained employees, student nurses, and members of the Friends, the corporation, and the medical staff. The highlight of the evening at Symphony Hall was the appearance of Roberta Peters and Robert Merrill, two of the finest singers in opera. Their rendition of "Summertime" and "It's a Grand Night for Singing" thrilled the audience.

The night at the Pops was sponsored by the Friends of the Deaconess for the benefit of the School of Nursing Scholarship Fund. All members of the senior class were the guests of the Friends.

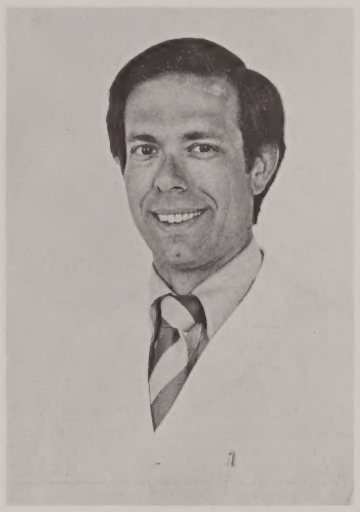
# Dr. Bern awarded Junior Faculty Clinical Fellowship

Dr. Murray M. Bern has been awarded a Junior Faculty Clinical Fellowship by the Directors of the American Cancer Society. Dr. Bern who is currently a Research Fellow in Hematology/Oncology at the Deaconess, and a Junior Investigator at the Center for Blood Research, will join with Dr. James L. Tullis in the full-time division of Deaconess Medicine and as an associate member of the Deaconess Hospital staff.

The three-year faculty award is intended to strengthen teaching programs in cancer by encouraging outstanding young clinicians to follow academic careers upon completion of their specialty training. In addition to acknowledging the research activities of Dr. Bern, the award is based on the Deaconess' residency program in oncology, radiotherapy, pathology, and surgery; its training program in cancer; and the facilities, personnel, and sufficient cancer patient load available to conduct such a training program.

As part of the fellowship, Dr. Bern will divide his time between clinical practice, teaching, and research responsibilities in cancer. He already is involved in extensive research: coordinating a multiphased program at the Deaconess for the use of adriamycin therapy in treating liver cancers; investigating the pharmakinetics of intra-arterial adriamycin; discovering the site of production of the C1 complement; and investigating platelet response to specific antigens.

Raised in Montgomery, Alabama, Dr. Bern received his B.A. in molecular biology and chemistry from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, and his M.D. from Tulane University, New Orleans. His postgraduate training included four years as a house officer and Fellow in Hematology at the Deaconess and an additional year of residency on the former Harvard Medical Service at Boston City Hospital.



*Dr. Murray M. Bern*

**STUDENT NURSES ENTERTAIN WITH VARIETY SHOW.** *"Student nurses are one of the nicest things that can happen to a hospital," said mistress of ceremonies Laura Ritter. "They show up everywhere, in wards, in utility rooms, at chart desks, and in classrooms. Doctors yell at them, head nurses criticize them, interns tolerate them, residents overlook them, mothers worry about them, and patients love them." And the audience in the Joslin Auditorium on May 1 and May 2 laughed at them as members of the junior class of student nurses performed skits, songs, dances, and poems in a review held to raise funds for their yearbook. The show opened with the Deaconess follies, a chorus line of smiling, singing, high-stepping students. This number was followed by Deaconess' version of the Supremes, The Supreme Nurses, pictured above (l. - r.) Susan Ruka, Laurie Currier, organizer of the show, and Judy Pert. A '50's song review led by Paula D'Onofrio and a solo by Ann McCallan led to the grand finale, a chorus of "God Bless America," the juniors' contribution to the Bicentennial.*

## Long-Range . . .

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land feels could reduce the expense of medical education and provide the students with a greater feeling for the total operation of the hospital.

Drs. William V. McDermott, Jr., James L. Tullis, and Samuel Hellman each spoke in favor of continuing and strengthening our ties with Harvard primarily for the advantages to be gained by the Deaconess, such as recognition as a first-class teaching hospital with emphasis on personalized patient care. The consensus was that each of Harvard's teaching hospitals is different in its approach to teaching and that the Deaconess has something unique to offer. They feel we could increase our strength while not losing any of our flexibility or identity.

In April, Dr. Mirle A. Kellett suggested that the hospital move very slowly in the direction of closer ties with Harvard. He cited concerns about changes that might be brought about in the type of patient care for which the hospital is well known . . . concerns shared by many at the Deaconess, even though most are in favor of continuing medical school ties. Dr. Cornelius E. Sedgwick supported Dr. Kellett's cautions stating that the Deaconess does not need the added prestige or influence. He said that the Deaconess is already an excellent hospital and well able to attract top quality chiefs to its medical staff.

A number of committee members contributed ideas and examples both pro and con adding up to well-rounded input from which the Trustees can draw in making future decisions.

**ONE . . . TWO . . .** *On the count of one, Patrolman Jerry Manfra grabs Rosemary Salvo, an instructor in self-defense at the police academy. On two, Mr. Manfra is in mid-air as Miss Salvo demonstrates how to handle an attack.*

# Boston Police Department presents self-defense program

"Every woman is a potential rape victim," said Rosemary Salvo of the Boston Police Deparment. "Her assailant can be the guy next door as well as the stranger in the dark alley. You never know who the rapist will be."

Miss Salvo, an instructor in self-defense at the police academy, and Patrolman Jerry Manfra presented a self-defense program designed to teach women how to deal with the crisis of rape. The program was given twice in the Joslin Auditorium on May 8 and both times the auditorium was filled with attentive women and quite a few men.

Mr. Manfra began the program by discussing public offenses in general, pointing out that many times we are a party to our own crime. For example, by forgetting to lock the door to our car or home, we invite the criminal inside. A film depicted other situations in which people, through their own carelessness, become unwilling participants in robberies and rapes.

Miss Salvo and Mr. Manfra then focused on the act of rape.

"We're not advocating self-defense," warned Miss Salvo. "Whether to submit or fight is up to you. But if you decide to fight, you better be good because you may not have a second chance. What you want to do is break his hold and flee."

She proceeded to demonstrate her point by throwing Mr. Manfra on the mat as the two acted out confrontation situations. Although Miss Salvo has had four years of self-defense training and her partner has had seven years, they showed simple maneuvers that a novice could use in similar situations.

In addition to demonstrating self-defense tactics, Miss Salvo and Mr. Manfra offered tips on how to avoid rape and what to do if attacked.

Use only your last name and first initial on your mailbox and in telephone listings. Let no one enter your home until you verify his identity. Before getting into your car, have your keys ready and make it a practice to glance at the floor or rear seat. You may have a surprise guest.

In the event of a flat tire or other highway emergency, raise the hood and/or tie a scarf around the radio antenna, get back into your car, lock the doors, and wait for the police. If a stranger offers assistance, slip the trunk key through a one inch opening in the window. Do not get out of your car.

On the street, if you are followed or harrassed, ring the nearest doorbell, break a window, scream fire—do anything to attract attention. If you are confronted with the threat of physical violence you will have to decide whether to fight or talk your way out of the situation. Be prepared to make that decision quickly—it may mean the difference in your chance for escape.

Call the police (911) if you have been a rape victim. The police will ask you for a description of your assailant and of the crime and will take you to the hospital for medical and psychological treatment. They will also aid you and the courts in the criminal prosecution of the rapist. There are many counseling centers in the Boston area for follow-up care.

You may never need to use the self-defense techniques that Rosemary Salvo and Patrolman Jerry Manfra demonstrated, but it would be wise to heed their advice. It may prevent a rape.

# Alumnae notations

**Muriel Lund,** '34 . . . "recently received a service award pin for 40 years of volunteer service as an enrolled Red Cross nurse in the metropolitan chapter of the National Red Cross. Miss Lund has been Red Cross chairman of the NEDH Alumni Association for 38 years."

**Elizabeth Foote Lufkin,** '35 . . . "am working as staff nurse at a local hospital in Abington, Pennsylvania. My daughter Janice is a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps and at the present time attending Boston University."

**Georgia Hight Truslow,** '37 . . . "We are living permanently in Maine after many years in New York, Virginia, and Texas. I am on the Bicentennial Commission, into crewel, and also enjoying my children."

**Evelyn Stenson Sheahen,** '43 . . . "now with the Visiting Nurse Association in West Palm Beach, Florida. We are opening a branch in Belle Glade in January.

**Dorothy Smith Staples,** '43 . . . "retired from school nursing in North Hampton, New Hampshire, and now work part-time in the office of a general practitioner. My first grandchild was born last July."

**Clarice Poole Andrews,** '45 . . . "I am director of the Malden Visiting Nurse Association. My daughter Lynn is a nurse with the Boston VNA; daughter Jean is a graduate of the Simmons College physio-therapy program; daughter Nancy is taking accounting at Bentley College."

**Marguerite Murray Bennett,** '46 . . . "hope to move back to the States this year from England."

**Phyllis Brow Olsen,** '48 . . . "my daughter Cheryl Ann is a member of the class of '77 at NEDH."

**Carolyn Jones Hazelton,** '51 . . . "We're still gambling with the weather in our fruit farming business, and bus driving part-time. My husband and two of our four sons are firemen and rescue personnel."

**Isabelle Gorringer Mullen,** '51 . . . "We were transferred to Minnesota last April, and I am working part-time at a nearby hospital."

**Dorothea V. Munro,** '54 . . . "have been appointed the new administrator of the Rockridge Retirement home at Laurel Park, Massachusetts."

**Audrey Moulton Smith,** '55 . . . "moved last spring to Darien, Connecticut, not far off the Merritt Highway and only about 50 minutes from New York City. We'd love to have anyone drop by."

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*Going through their family albums during their 25th reunion are: (l. - r.) Marguerite (Byers) Cramer, Betty (Jones) Feero, and Mabel (Leland) Grant.*

*Ruth (Farrington) Caswell, Glenna (Wetmore) Ellis, and Barbara Ann (Cook) Richards (l. - r.) catch up on 25 years of news.*

*Ellen D. Howland (l.), director of nursing, and Richard E. Lee (r.), director of the hospital, wish Eldora Tobey, who retired after 40 years in nursing, and her husband Edwin the best of luck.*

## Mrs. Tobey retires after 40 years in nursing

Eldora Tobey, R.N., head nurse on Deaconess 4, has been associated with the Deaconess since she graduated from its School of Nursing in 1932. During her more than 40 years of service to the hospital she has made many friends. These friends and co-workers honored Mrs. Tobey at a retirement party held April 11 in Harris Hall.

Mrs. Tobey has been the head nurse on Deaconess 4 for 16 years. She says she stayed on that unit for so long because she enjoys working with people. "These patients need a lot of understanding, which I enjoy giving, not just as a nurse, but as a human being."

Her career in nursing began at the Deaconess as a staff nurse shortly after her graduation from nursing school. After her marriage Mrs. Tobey became a private duty nurse for 15 years while she raised her children, Glenn, now an underwriter for an insurance company; Albert, an engineer; and Marilyn, a nurse who also graduated from the Deaconess.

When the special care unit was started in 1958, Mrs. Tobey not only helped to open the unit, but rejoined the Deaconess full-time, working in special care for a few years before transferring to the psychiatric unit.

After a lifetime in nursing Mrs. Tobey wants to enjoy a leisurely retirement with her husband Edwin, a carpenter. But the year coming up sounds anything but leisurely.

On April 20 Mrs. Tobey and her husband left for Florida to buy a house or make arrangements for building one on their land in Dunnellon, which is 80 miles norh of Tampa.

After a trip to Indiana to visit relatives, the Tobeys will return to Boston just long enough to pack for Belgium, where their daughter and her family lives. In October they plan to move to Florida permanently and enjoy the sun, gardening, bowling, and various senior citizen activities.

## Miss McCarthy retires as Palmer nursing supervisor

As Florence McCarthy, R.N., cleaned out her office on Palmer 4, memories of 20 years at the Deaconess passed through her hands and mind. **PULSES** and nursing school catalogues from many years back were packed away as Miss McCarthy prepared for her retirement party on April 25 at Harris Hall, where friends and associates came to wish her well.

Miss McCarthy was nursing supervisor of the Palmer building since 1956, and many innovations in nursing at the Deaconess began during her tenure at Palmer.

"We started the daily unit memo, unit coordination, the pre-op teaching program, and staffing cycles," recalled Miss McCarthy. The staff was instrumental in preparing instructional booklets for patients to help them understand procedures they would be undergoing while in the hospital. Primary nursing started under Miss McCarthy three years ago on Palmer 4 and was expanded last year on Palmer 3.

Just after Miss McCarthy graduated from Whidden Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Everett, she joined the Deaconess as a staff nurse. A year later she was promoted to nursing supervisor in the Palmer building.

After an active career in nursing, Miss McCarthy is looking forward to a leisurely retirement at her home in Marshfield. "It's a small house with a swimming pool, and I love it," she exclaimed. Swimming, walking, and gardening are going to occupy most of her time. She intends to resume painting (watercolors) and writing poetry.

"I want to retire and take life easy, but this has been a satisfying job. I've enjoyed wonderful relationships with everybody," said Miss McCarthy, her office now cluttered as she tried to decide what to keep and what to throw away. It was hard for her to leave —it was just as hard for her friends to say goodby.

*When Florence McCarthy, R.N., nursing supervisor of the Palmer building, retired, she brought a little bit of the Deaconess with her. The hospital presented her with the clothes tree that had decorated her office for many years. Gifts from friends and members of administration adorned the tree. Pictured with Miss McCarthy (center) are Pat Basile, R.N., head nurse on Palmer 3, and Director Richard E. Lee.*

**CLASS OF 1950 HAS 25th REUNION.** *Twenty-seven members of the class of 1950 attended their 25th reunion on May 16. After registration at Harris Hall, their day began with a chapel service by Rev. Martin E. Cernek in the Arthur T. Dooley Chapel. The program included a luncheon and a tour of the hospital, followed by a tea in Harris Hall. Dinner at the Harvard Club concluded the gala day to which alumnae came from as far as California, Indiana, and Virginia to renew friendships.*

*Those who attended the dinner for the class of 1950 were: (front row l. - r.) Betty (Jones) Feero, Barbara Ann (Cook) Richards, Glenna (Gullam) Chrisholm, Jean (Johnson) Thompson, Jane (Dryden) Grayson, Mabel (Leland) Grant, Ruth (Taylor) Purdy; (middle row l. - r.) Ruth (Farrington) Caswell, Priscilla (Mazelli) Streeter, Marion (Anderson) Carey, Evelyn (MacKenzie) Fitzpatrick, Hope (Brown) Amell, Marguerite (Byers) Cramer, Vera L. Sherer; (back row l. - r.) Myrtie (Morse) Bird, Claire (Davis) MacGregor, Maxine (Orton) Nikula, Ruth (Lloyd) Fortunato, Glenna (Wetmore) Ellis, Catherine (Mays) Sterling, Lorraine (Moran) Thornton, Anne (King) Weekes, and Jean (Wildman) Putnam. Doris (MacKenzie) Eckels, Margaret (Fish) Edgar, Winifred (Caffelle) Pratt, and Joan (Hartford) Nickerson were at the reunion, but could not attend the dinner.*

# Alumnae news briefs

ENGAGED

**Kathleen J. Shea,** '74, to Ronald R. Nolette.

MARRIED

**Marcia Whittemore,** '65, to James W. Burgund.

**Pamela R. Rafuse,** '66, to Robert G. Holmes.

**Mary A. Carey,** '74, to Raymond L. Camosse.

**Susan E. Corkum,** '74, to Thomas G. Myers, Jr.

BIRTHS

**Jane Pulsifer Klasmeier,** '63, third child, Michael Joshua, born September 17, 1974.

**Iva Shoff Zornow,** '64, second child, Gregory David, born February 15, 1974.

**Lucille Shoff Kelley,** '67, second daughter, Danielle, born July 17, 1974.

**Linda Shaw Warren,** '68, a son, Scott Thomas, born December 14, 1973.

**Virginia Waterhouse DePasqua,** '69, a daughter, Michelle Elaine, born October 13, 1974.

**Helen LaPorte Stanley,** '70, a son, G. Todd, born April 29, 1974.

SYMPATHY

**Martha Pew Bowser,** '30, on the death of her husband, Robert.

**Dorothy Ball Bricker,** '31, on the death of her mother in April, 1975.

**Margaret Cuthbertson Brown,** '48, on the death of her mother on January 20, 1975.

**Margaret Hurst Griffin,** '61, on the death of her mother in April, 1974.

**Joyce MacKinnon Hansel,** '61, on the death of her mother in July, 1974.

**Jill Bolstridge Sutula,** '62, on the death of her husband, Dr. Stanley Sutula, Jr., on December 27, 1974.

DEATHS

**Vivian Nye Armstrong,** '34, in December, 1973. She is the mother of **Sandra Armstrong Lazar,** '62.

**Ruth Morse Hall,** '35, in December, 1974.

**Sally Towers,** '71, on March 14, 1975.

# Alumnae notations . . .

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**Janice Marland Hitchcock,** '56 . . . "still working at California State at Sonoma. Our B.S. program for R.N.'s now has National League for Nursing accreditation. We've been grounded since selling our airplane, but Jerry is about to begin building one called the 'Epizio Tuholer.' "

**Audrey Scarpetti Schmidt,** '56 . . . "am now a night supervisor at Pawtucket Memorial Hospital, also pursuing my B.S. part-time at Rhode Island College and Salve Regina."

**Viann Cataldo Woodward,** '58 . . . "we are still in central Germany and hope to stay many years. **Marilyn Tobey Murray,** '58, is in Belgium, and we are trying to get together. Saw **Grace Savoy,** '59, Major in the U.S. Air Force at a local medical conference where she gave two programs."

**Judith Brockert Burkhardt,** '60 . . . "am at Casa de Los Ninos, a nursery for battered and abused children, newborn to 3 years. We have cared for over 500 babies in the past year. I find this work very rewarding."

**Nancy Gates Hayes,** '60 . . . "now in delivery room at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Hartford, and love every minute. I am working with Lamaze deliveries, 47% of our caseload. It's very stimulating."

**Christine Krutenat Blenninger,** '61 . . . "I'm public health nurse supervisor in the Morrisania Section of the Bronx, New York City."

**Roberta Lincoln DeWitt,** '61 . . . "now living in Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands. We'll be here indefinitely and we love it!"

**Elaine D. Norris,** '61 . . . "have been working in Saigon for the past year and a half with the Friends of All Children Organization."

**Betty Maher Crosby,** '62 . . . "moved to Georgia, Vermont, where we are building our own house on 10 acres of land. I work nights in the newborn nursery in the hospital in St. Albans."

**Judy Bullard Hadrick,** '64 . . . "we are soon moving to the New York City area. I will continue to do private duty nursing until our second child is born."

**Bernice Kelly Kreutner,** '64 . . . "just returned to California after one year in Virginia, where I worked with **Janet Lombard,** '63, in ICU."

**Claire Wright Biaggi,** '65 . . . "We won a one-week trip to Portugal in October. I am enrolled in an M.S. program in the Family Nurse Practitioner at Arizona State University. I'm still teaching full-time in the Career Ladder Program in Nursing in the Community College."

**Carol Booker,** '65 . . . "graduated with distinction from the Flight Nurse Course at Brooks Air Force Base. I'm now stationed in Shreveport, Louisiana."

**Alice Farquhar,** '65 . . . "I graduated in May from Yale with an M.S. in Maternal and Newborn Nursing and a Certificate in Nurse Midwifery."

**Peggy McGrath Housley,** '65 . . . "moved to Wisconsin from Georgia last August. I am a part-time clinical instructor at the Madison General Hospital School of Nursing. My husband Tom is on a post-doctoral fellowship in the Agronomy Department at the University of Wisconsin. My son Andy is enrolled in a Montessori school."

**Margaret Shesler Cochrane,** '66 . . . "recently started working in an internist's office. I have learned to do EKG's and lab work, and do teaching."

**Leigh Emery Freidel,** '66 . . . "In January I started studying for my B.S. in nursing at Boston College."

**Anita DiPasquale Bondurant,** '67 . . . "moved to St. Louis where my husband is taking a two year post-doctorate research position at St. Louis University. I hope to begin work on my degree in nursing."

**Hazel Gull Constantine,** '67 . . . "am finishing at the University of Arizona in May with a B.S. in nursing."

**Patricia Dunn,** '71 . . . "working at an Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center in Bangor, Maine, primarily as a clinician. It's a 25-bed inpatient unit and is challenging work!"

**Marcia Stone,** '71 . . . "have been stationed in Germany for four months and am enjoying every minute of it. I have learned a little of the German language and customs."

**Rebecca Woodward Peters,** '73 . . . "am completing my B.S. in nursing at Salem State College and working at Salem Hospital in rehabilitation."

**Rosemary Graffius,** '73 . . . "After a year as an obstetrical nurse in a 35-bed rural hospital, I am now working as evening charge nurse on a med.-surg. floor at the Maine Medical Center in Portland."

*Marjorie R. Pond, manager of service coordination, serves (l. - r.) Jean (Wildman) Putnam, Vera L. Sherer, who came from California, Anne (King) Weekes, and Priscilla (Mazelli) Streeter during the reunion of the class of 1950.*

# Correction

In the March 1975 Alumnae Issue of the **PULSE** an alumna was incorrectly identified as Marion Goudy ('31). The person pictured is Marion (Holden) Clough ('26).

**THE DELI OPENS.** *Do you remember when roast beef was put in an onion roll with russian dressing and onions . . . corn beef came with swiss cheese on dark rye . . . you helped yourself to pickles? Do you remember Ted and Spero and the B & R Deli? Well, Ted and Spero are back in the neighborhood serving these specialties at the Deli, located in 110 Francis Street. Opening day was May 8 and the lines at breakfast and lunch were so long that people were standing outside the door. Behind the counter (l. - r.) Eddie, Spero (he was too busy making a sandwich to face the camera), and Ted filled orders with speed as the customers kept coming. It was obvious that people were glad to see the Deli back in business. The Deli is open Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

# Employees in action . . .

**Dorothy Bernstein,** R.N., continuing care coordinator, was a participant in a special program of continuing care coordinators at the New England Rehabilitation Hospital, Woburn, on May 7.

**John Chamberlain,** compensation manager in employee relations, passed the Massachusetts Bar Examination in February. He will be sworn in before a justice of the Supreme Judicial Court during the month of June.

**Connie Donovan,** R.N., clinical nurse specialist, was on the planning committee for the Bicentennial Workshop of the Council on Ethical, Legal, and Professional Practice held April 10-11 in Cambridge and April 17-18 in Holyoke. **Jill Kleeman,** R.N., staff nurse on Palmer 4, and **Jackie Woods,** R.N., former head nurse on Palmer 4, were panel members.

**Carol Garant,** R.N., clinical nurse specialist, attended the annual meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society held March 21-23 in New Orleans. She was admitted to membership in the society and is the second nurse to be so honored.

**Arlene Gough,** MT (ASCP), hematology supervisor, taught the workshop "Laboratory Preventive Maintenance" and **Maruditsa Mitsiu,** MT (ASCP) BB, blood bank supervisor and teaching coordinator, taught the workshop "The Difficult Crossmatch" at the 27th annual convention of the Massachusetts Association for Medical Technology on March 31 - April 2 at Northeastern University. **Anne Doherty,** MT (ASCP), and **Barbara Martin,** MT (ASCP), chemistry supervisors, served on the convention committee.

**Edith S. Lenneberg,** coordinator of the Ambulatory Rehabilitation Center, spoke on stoma rehabilitation at the Berkshire Medical Center on April 20. Her talk was sponsored by the Berkshire County Ostomy Association.

**Denise Stevens,** R.N., head teaching nurse in the Diabetic Treatment Unit, was the course director for the 7th Annual Course for Nurses, entitled "The Care and Teaching of Juvenile Diabetics" on May 27-29 in Boston. The course was presented by the Joslin Diabetes Foundation Education Division and the faculty included physicians, nurses, and patients from the Joslin Clinic.

# Deaconess bowlers end season

The last bowling ball rolled down the aisle on May 1, bringing another season to a close. In Division A, Captain Bob Simi and teammates Maryjane Simi, Dave Colleran, and Mary Trumble ended the season in first place. In the lead in Division B were Bill Wambolt's team, composed of Bill Branson, Wally Hirtle, and Ned Beyer. Captain Ann Glagovsky and her teammates Beryl Litner, Sheila Meek, and Janet Saunders were ahead in Division C.

Mary Trumble and Jim Dillahunt in Division A captured high single, high 3-string, and high average in the women's and men's division. In Division B Roz Post tied with Linda Bracken for high single, but was ahead in high 3-string. Linda Bracken had the lead in high average. Bob Mosey had high 3-string. Andy Pare had high single and tied with Ned Beyer for high average. Sheila Meek and Nelson Fox dominated all three categories in Division C.

To celebrate the end of the season an all day clambake along with tennis, swimming, and dancing is being held at the White Cliffs in Plymouth on June 13.

There will be changes in the alleys and the day next year. Bowlers will be striking and sparing at Sammy White's Bowling Alley in Brighton on Wednesday evenings. If this season has passed you by, get ready for next year! Contact Mary Hennesey at extension 2060.

# Audit . . .

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cutaneous pain medication for 24 hours prior to discharge. If there can be an exception to any criteria, state it so that the retriever in medical records can see it." If a previous note is made of the exception then it is accepted as justifiable.

Because the whole system of audit relies on the patient's record, documentation is essential. The information is needed to prove that the appropriate care was carried out to prevent complications or to manage complications that developed. The audit emphasizes the nurse's responsibility and accountability to the patient.

At the last meeting of the Medical Administrative Board a Patient Care Evaluation Committee was appointed for the purpose of coordinating interdisciplinary audits of patient care. If other health professionals, e.g. dietitians, physical therapists, enter the program, representatives of their departments will also be included on the committee.

*The Palmer building is reflected in the windows of the new laboratory and radiation therapy building.*



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